

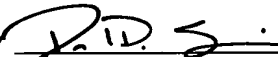
REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment on December 18, 2002. In the notice, the PTO required submission of replacement paragraphs corresponding to the amendments to the specification set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the response filed October 2, 2002. Applicants submit herewith the replacement paragraphs required by the PTO.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendments and arguments set forth in the response filed October 2, 2002. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this or any previous response, the Examiner is courteously invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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